

Thomas H. Johnson Photographs of Delaware and Hudson Canal Company Properties

In April 2023, Hank Loftus (White Mills, PA), a long-time member of the Carbondale Historical Society, identified two Internet sites where Thomas H. Johnson photographs were displayed and from which they could be downloaded. Those two sites are:

<https://www.getty.edu/art/collection/person/104RSV>

<https://www.nga.gov/collection/artist-info.38531.html>

On those sites are presented a great many Johnson photographs of D&H operations. The first four photographs shown below, we have never seen before, and they are, to be sure, very nice additions to the archives of the Carbondale Historical Society and to the history of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company.

The fifth and sixth photographs, shown below, are well-known photographs of D&H operations, and they have been published many times, but the name of the photographer who took those two photographs has never been listed when they were published. We are very pleased to learn that these two photographs (*The Pockets* and *Scranton Terminus*) were taken by Thomas H. Johnson.

Here are those six Thomas H. Johnson photographs:

Racket Brook Breaker, Del. & Hudson Canal Co., c. 1863-1865



[Racket Brook Breaker at Plane No. 4 on the D&H Gravity Railroad. Several photographs of this breaker are known to exist. This may well be one of the earliest photos of this site.]

Lake View, near Waymart, Del. & Hudson Canal Co. [Stanton's Pond / Lake Lodore]



[Jane Varcoe, Waymart, and S. R. Powell, Carbondale, have identified this body of water as being Stanton's Pond / Lake Lodore.]

Breaker at Dickson, Del. & Hudson Canal Co.



[Name of breaker?]

On the Moosic, East, Del. & Hudson Canal Co.



[Photo taken at Farview, looking East.]

The Pockets, Honesdale, Del. & Hudson Canal Co.



[The loaded track, as it enters Honesdale, is shown in the lower right corner of this photograph. These pockets were built in 1861. This photo was published in *Century of Progress* on p. 136, but no indication is given there as to the photographer. We are very pleased to learn that the photograph was taken by Johnson. For more information on these coal pockets, see Volume IV, pp. 523-531 ("The pockets above the West Branch of the Lackawaxen River") in S. R. Powell's series on the history of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad.]

Scranton Terminus, Del. & Hudson Canal Co., c. 1863-1865



[View, looking south, of D&H operations at Providence. The D&H Providence depot at East Market Street opened in 1860 and closed in 1873, when the Depot Street depot opened. The Providence Depot was the southern terminus of D&H rails until 1863.]

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